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SUMMARY

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution relating to equal rights.
Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at special election held on same date as next primary election.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

PARAGRAPH 1. The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section 46 to be added to and made a part of Article I, such section to read:

SECTION 46. (1) Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the State of Oregon or by any political subdivision in this state on account of sex.

(2) Any statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, policy or action by this state or by any political subdivision of this state, including the enforcement by any governmental officer or agent of any statute, ordinance, rule, regulation or policy of this state or any political subdivision of this state, that discriminates on the basis of sex is inherently suspect and subject to strict scrutiny.

(3) The Legislative Assembly shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this section.

(4) Nothing in this section shall diminish a right otherwise available to persons under section 20 of this Article or any other provision of this Constitution.

1 **PARAGRAPH 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall
2 be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at a special
3 election held throughout this state on the same date as the next pri-
4 mary election.

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